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1. SUMMARY: SECONOMIC-COMMERCIAL MINISTER'S JUNE 16 MEETING WITH MFA ENERGY COORDINATOR MIGLIUOLO REVIEWED THE RESULTS OF MIGLIUOLO'S SOUNDINGS ON THE RESUMPTION OF THE PRODUCER/ CONSUMER DIALOGUE. HE FOUND EXTENSIVE THIRD-WORLD SUSPEICION OF THE US PROPOSALS WHICH AUGUR BADLY FOR EARLY RESUMPTION OF THE TALKS. MIGLIUOLO NEVERTHELESS EMPHASIZED GOI CONCERN THAT DIALOGUE BE REOPENED, AND SUPPORT FOR US APPROACH. END SUMMARY

2. MIGLIUOLO, UNTIL RECENTLY DEPUTY CHIEF OF ITALIAN UN DELEGATION, RECOUNTED RESULTS OF HIS RECENT EXTEN- SIVE CONSULTATIONS THERE AND WITH OTHER EC COUNTRIES (IN PREPARATION FOR ITALIAN ASSUMPTION OF EC PRESIDENCY JULY 1). HE FOUND LDC'S SUSPICIOUS OF US "THREE COM- MISSION" APPROACH; SPECIFICALLY, COMMISSIONS VIEWED AS (A) DEVICE TO SEPARATE ENERGY FROM RAW MATERIALS AND OTHER ISSUES, AND (B) PLOY TO DILUTE INFLUENCE OF MOST POLITICALLY ACTIVE COUNTRIES, SUCH AS ALGERIA AND YUGOSLAVIA, BOTH OF WHICH INELIGIBLE IF COMMISSIONS CHOSEN BY OBJECTIVE CRITERIA. THAT US WOULD BE VIRTUALLY ONLY COUNTRY ON ALL THREE COMMISSIONS NOTED AS WELL. THIS REACTION, EVENTHOUGH NOT RPT NOT OBJECTIVE- LY WARRANTED ACCORDING TO MIGLIUOLO, SUGGESTS THAT PROSPECTS FOR RESUMING DIALOUGE ARE UNPROMISING.

3. GOI FIRMLY SUPPORTS PROMPT RESUMPTION OF PRODUCER/ CONSUMER DIALOGUE. MIGLIUOLO NOTED THAT THE IMPORTANCE OF DEFUSING THE POTENTIALLY CONFRONTATIONAL
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UNGA SPECIAL ASSEMBLY IN SEPTEMBER SHOULD ACCELERATE RHYTHM OF THE CONTACTS. AS WELL, TIMING ESPECIALLY PRO- PITIOUS SINCE OIL DEMAND IS LOW AND SOME EVIDENCE OF INTERNAL DISSENSION IS FOUND IN THE OPEC COUNTRIES. HOWEVER, THE NEED FOR RAPID ACTION DOES NOT LESSEN THE NEED FOR CAREFUL PREPARATIONS. MIGLIUOLO CRITICIZED FRENCH PROPOSALS FOR 27 NATION MEETING AND FOR MINI- STERIAL ENCOUNTER, ALTHOUGH HE SUGGESTED THAT

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MINISTERIAL-LEVEL ENCOUNTER MIGHT BE NECESSARY TO KICK-OFF SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS OR TO CAP SUCCESSFUL PREPARATORY CONFERENCE.

4. COMMENT: DESPITE RECOGNITION OF THE NEED, MIGLIUOLO WAS CLEARLY PESSIMISTIC THAT THE US PROPOSALS THUS FAR ADVANCED WOULD BE SUFFICIENT TO REOPEN DIALOGUE. AT THE SAME TIME, HE LEFT NO DOUBT OF GOI SUPPORT THE GENERAL US APPROACH. VOLPE

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